

MINISTERS - ALL MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

PASTORAL & OFFICE STAFF

Pastor.....Joel Gibbel, pastor@yorkfirst.org

Church Admin. Asst......Karen Bowman, secretary@yorkfirst.org

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Music Director.....Rebecca Wolf

Accompanist.....Becca Miller

Worship Leader.....Melanie Miller

Advent Candle Acolytes.....Ernie & Michelle Sauder

Children's Time.....Pastor Joel

Audio/Visual.....Jason Wolf, Jay Crist

Ushers.....**Leader – Sheldon Markel**, Bob Drawbaugh

.....Jess Dietrich, Jeanette Brickner, Jeffrey Miller

Coffee/Hospitality.....Connie Wingard

Today's Greeters.....Rebecca & Ava Soyke

Next Week's Greeters.....John & Mary Esther Anderson

Nursery Attendants.....Angie Robinson, Bri Herbst

DEACONS are available and their responsibilities include assisting the pastor with the care of the congregation. If you have a need that a deacon may help you with, please contact your deacon or contact the church office or Pastor Joel.

Please see one of our ushers at the entrance to the sanctuary if you need LARGE PRINT bulletins or hymnals. Hearing Assistance Devices are available from the A/V booth in the back of the sanctuary.

Activity bags for children to use during worship are available as you enter the sanctuary. Nursery care is available and the “worship nursery” in the rear of the sanctuary is open for use anytime.

The church issues a weekly e-newsletter each Friday. To subscribe, please email secretary@yorkfirst.org

Worship attendance last Sunday: 88

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Chancel Choir Cantata: “A Baby Changes Everything”

Isaiah 9:2-6



December 22, 2024



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FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

*"To become a community of committed Christians
who Love God, Share Christ, and Serve the World"*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30 AM

December 22, 2024

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *"Joy to the world"* Lowell Mason arr. Larson

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Reading

Processional Hymn *"Hope is a candle" verse 3* (insert)

Lighting the Candle of Love

Responsive Prayer

Leader: God of love, who is constantly surprising us with grace
beyond what we dare think or imagine, we gather
before you today.

**Congregation: Quicken in our hearts, minds, and bodies the
same hope-gifting spirit that Mary felt so long ago.**

Leader: That in the proclaiming of your love coming into all the
world, our souls may be blessed,

**Congregation: And through our work, the world be made
whole. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Joel

***HYMN** *"O little town of Bethlehem"* #191

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys and Concerns

Hymn *"Infant holy, infant lowly"* #206(v1)

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn *"Infant holy, infant lowly"* #206(v2)

GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Offertory *"Adoration"* Mary Hayes

*Offering Response *"Grant us, Lord, the grace"* #388

*Prayer of Blessing

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-6 (Page 593)

CHANCEL CHOIR CANTATA: "A Baby Changes Everything"

Created by Deborah Craig-Claar and David Clydesdale

Introduction

Narration

Song *"Your Light Has Come"*

Narration

Song *"A Baby Changes Everything"*

Narration

Song *"Gloria in Excelsis Deo"*

Narration

Song *"Precious Jesus, Precious Savior"*
with *"O Come, Little Children"* and *"We Fall Down"*

Narration

Song *"My Heart Is Bethlehem"*

Narration

Songs *"Come and Worship Medley" includes*
"Your Light Has Come"
"Angels We Have Heard on High"
"Angels from the Realms of Glory"
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*SENDING WORDS

***SENDING HYMN** *"Good Christian friends, rejoice"* #210

POSTLUDE *"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"* Hyfrydol arr. Hayes

We kindly request that you be seated for the Postlude or leave quietly
so that others may appreciate the conclusion of the service. Thank you.

*Please stand in body or spirit.

White Poinsettias are placed in loving memory of:

Bill Eisenhart by Elizabeth Eisenhart and family.

Lucille Stoner by the Leonard Stoner family.

Hope is a candle

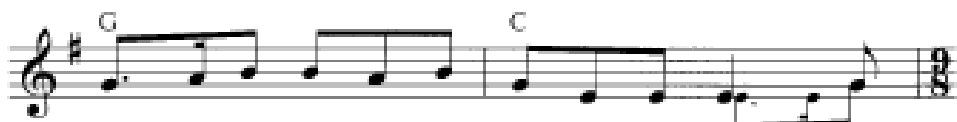
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- 1 Hope is a can - dle, once lit by the proph - ets,
 2 Peace is a can - dle to show us a path - way,
 3 Love is a can - dle whose light makes a cir - cle,
 4 Joy is a can - dle of mys - t'ry and laugh - ter,
 5 Christ is the light that the proph - ets a - wait - ed,



- 1 nev - er con - sumed, though it burns through the years;
 2 threat - ened by gusts from our rage and our greed.
 3 where ev - 'ry face is the face of a friend.
 4 mys - t'ry of light that is born in the dark;
 5 Christ is the li - on, the lamb, and the child.



- 1 dim in the day - light of pow - er and priv - i - lege—
 2 Friend, feel no en - vy for those in the shad - ows—
 3 Wid - en the cir - cle by shar - ing and giv - ing—
 4 laugh - ter at hear - ing the voice of an an - gel,
 5 Christ is the love and the mys - t'ry and laugh - ter—



- 1 when they are gone, hope will shine on.
 2 vio - lence and force their dead - end course.
 3 God's ho - ly dare: love ev - ery - where.
 4 ev - er so near, cast - ing out fear.
 5 can - dles, make way! Christ is the day.

YORK FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN CHANCEL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA 2024

“A Baby Changes Everything”

Director:	Rebecca Wolf
Narrator:	Pastor Joel Gibbel
Soprano:	Beth Anne Bahn, Pam Baldwin, Patricia Carey Diane Gible, Zoë Miller, Leah Myers, Rebecca Wolf
Alto:	Loretta Bachman, Cathy Carson, Ruoxia Li, Tanya Sepe, Kim Witkovsky
Tenor:	John Gible, Barry Hollinger
Bass:	Eric Miller, Ralph Miller, Brad Nicholas, Dan Snook, Terry Wueschinski
Piano:	Becca Miller
Trumpet:	Micah Gibbel, Vienna Soyke
Trombone:	Ben Miller
French Horn:	Rebecca Soyke
Drums:	Frank Soyke
Children's Choir:	Danielle Gibbel, Joanna Miller, Vincent Sepe V, Malakai Wolf

This Week at a Glance:

Tues	12/24	6:30 pm	Pre-Service Music – Sanctuary
		7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Sanct.
Wed	12/25		Christmas Day – Church Office Closed
Sat	12/28	10:00 am	Food Pantry Open 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Sun	12/29	9:00 am	Sunday School
		10:30 am	Worship Service – Sanctuary

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